

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 12, 2009, there were 518,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2009, a decrease of 3,000 from November 2009 but 2,600 more than the number employed in December 2008.

Agricultural employment was 42,700 persons in December 2009, down 1,900 from the November 2009 level but 5,900 more than the December 2008 agricultural employment level of 36,800. Non-agricultural employment was 475,900 persons in December 2009. This is a decrease of 1,100 from the November 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 477,000 and 3,300 less than December 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2009 was 4.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the November 2009 rate of 4.5 percent but 0.3 percentage points higher than the December 2008 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 4,300 to 541,900 persons in December 2009 from 546,200 persons in November 2009. This is 4,500 more than the December 2008 labour force of 537,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 69.1 percent in December 2009 from 69.7 percent in November 2009. The December 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 23,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2009. This is a decrease of 1,300 from November 2009 but is 1,900 more than the number unemployed in December 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 521,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2009, up 2,300 from the November 2009 level of 519,500 and is up 1,500 from the December 2008 employment level of 520,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2009 was 4.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the November 2009 rate of 5.2 percent but 0.6 percentage points higher than the December 2008 rate of 4.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 97,600 persons in December 2009 to 16,826,500 persons from 16,924,100 persons in November 2009. In December 2008, there were 17,010,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 7.8 percent from the November 2009 level of 8.0 percent. In December 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.5 percent in December 2009. This is unchanged from November 2009 but is 1.9 percentage points higher than the December 2008 level of 6.6 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2009	November 2009	December 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,259.7	18,390.0	18,155.8	-130.3	103.9
Employed ('000)	16,826.5	16,924.1	17,010.5	-97.6	-184.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,474.0	13,588.5	13,665.8	-114.5	-191.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,352.5	3,335.6	3,344.6	16.9	7.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,433.3	1,465.9	1,145.3	-32.6	288.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	8.0	6.3	-0.2	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	8.5	6.6	0.0	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	67.0	67.0	-0.6	-0.6
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	541.9	546.2	537.4	-4.3	4.5
Employed ('000)	518.6	521.6	516.0	-3.0	2.6
Full-Time ('000)	417.1	423.7	416.7	-6.6	0.4
Part-Time ('000)	101.5	97.9	99.3	3.6	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	23.3	24.6	21.4	-1.3	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	4.0	-0.2	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	5.2	4.2	-0.4	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.7	69.4	-0.6	-0.3
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,124.3	2,134.7	2,097.9	-10.4	26.4
Employed ('000)	1,991.1	1,979.5	2,011.2	11.6	-20.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,612.1	1,610.3	1,654.8	1.8	-42.7
Part-Time ('000)	378.9	369.2	356.4	9.7	22.5
Unemployed ('000)	133.3	155.2	86.8	-21.9	46.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	7.3	4.1	-1.0	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	7.4	4.2	-0.7	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	73.4	73.8	74.3	-0.4	-0.9
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	636.3	641.8	632.8	-5.5	3.5
Employed ('000)	601.6	609.9	606.2	-8.3	-4.6
Full-Time ('000)	475.0	487.3	483.5	-12.3	-8.5
Part-Time ('000)	126.7	122.5	122.7	4.2	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	34.7	31.9	26.6	2.8	8.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.0	4.2	0.5	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.3	4.3	0.4	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.2	69.2	-0.7	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>December 2009</u>	<u>November 2009</u>	<u>December 2008</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	541.9	546.2	537.4	-4.3	4.5
Male	288.6	292.0	285.2	-3.4	3.4
Female	253.4	254.2	252.1	-0.8	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	90.5	92.9	97.1	-2.4	-6.6
25+ Years of age	451.5	453.3	440.2	-1.8	11.3
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	518.6	521.6	516.0	-3.0	2.6
Male	272.3	276.4	273.1	-4.1	-0.8
Female	246.3	245.2	242.9	1.1	3.4
15-24 Years of Age	84.0	83.9	90.0	0.1	-6.0
25+ Years of age	434.6	437.8	426.0	-3.2	8.6
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	23.3	24.6	21.4	-1.3	1.9
Male	16.3	15.6	12.2	0.7	4.1
Female	7.1	9.0	9.2	-1.9	-2.1
15-24 Years of Age	6.5	9.0	7.2	-2.5	-0.7
25+ Years of age	16.8	15.6	14.2	1.2	2.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.3	4.5	4.0	-0.2	0.3
Male	5.6	5.3	4.3	0.3	1.3
Female	2.8	3.5	3.6	-0.7	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	7.2	9.7	7.4	-2.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	3.7	3.4	3.2	0.3	0.5
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.1	69.7	69.4	-0.6	-0.3
Male	74.6	75.5	74.7	-0.9	-0.1
Female	63.8	64.0	64.2	-0.2	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	65.3	67.0	69.5	-1.7	-4.2
25+ Years of age	69.9	70.3	69.4	-0.4	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2009	November 2009	December 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	42.7	44.6	36.8	-1.9	5.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.6	26.9	25.1	0.7	2.5
Utilities	4.8	4.9	6.2	-0.1	-1.4
Construction	37.0	38.3	39.9	-1.3	-2.9
Manufacturing	26.0	27.1	30.3	-1.1	-4.3
Trade	80.9	77.8	83.9	3.1	-3.0
Transportation and Warehousing	25.3	26.5	23.3	-1.2	2.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.2	29.1	29.1	2.1	2.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.5	22.7	20.5	0.8	3.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.2	10.2	11.8	2.0	0.4
Educational Services	42.5	43.2	40.3	-0.7	2.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	65.9	68.9	63.0	-3.0	2.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.7	19.5	20.2	-1.8	-2.5
Accommodation and Food Services	28.8	28.5	32.3	0.3	-3.5
Other Services	23.3	23.8	24.1	-0.5	-0.8
Public Administration	29.2	29.6	29.2	-0.4	0.0
Total	518.6	521.6	516.0	-3.0	2.6
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	417.1	423.7	416.7	-6.6	0.4
Part-Time	101.5	97.9	99.3	3.6	2.2
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	417.1	418.8	421.1	-1.7	-4.0
Public Sector	133.5	136.6	130.4	-3.1	3.1
Private Sector	283.6	282.2	290.6	1.4	-7.0
Self-Employed	101.5	102.9	94.9	-1.4	6.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December <u>2009</u>	November <u>2009</u>	December <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,826.5	16,924.1	17,010.5	-97.6	-184.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	210.5	213.5	209.2	-3.0	1.3
Prince Edward Island	68.3	69.2	66.3	-0.9	2.0
Nova Scotia	451.6	454.2	452.6	-2.6	-1.0
New Brunswick	357.8	367.0	360.2	-9.2	-2.4
Quebec	3,833.1	3,863.9	3,850.2	-30.8	-17.1
Ontario	6,528.1	6,567.6	6,645.9	-39.5	-117.8
Manitoba	601.6	609.9	606.2	-8.3	-4.6
Saskatchewan	518.6	521.6	516.0	-3.0	2.6
Alberta	1,991.1	1,979.5	2,011.2	11.6	-20.1
British Columbia	2,265.8	2,277.7	2,292.8	-11.9	-27.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.8	8.0	6.3	-0.2	1.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.3	15.2	13.9	0.1	1.4
Prince Edward Island	12.1	11.7	14.0	0.4	-1.9
Nova Scotia	8.7	9.1	7.4	-0.4	1.3
New Brunswick	8.7	7.9	8.5	0.8	0.2
Quebec	8.1	7.7	7.3	0.4	0.8
Ontario	8.3	8.6	6.6	-0.3	1.7
Manitoba	5.5	5.0	4.2	0.5	1.3
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.5	4.0	-0.2	0.3
Alberta	6.3	7.3	4.1	-1.0	2.2
British Columbia	7.6	7.7	5.0	-0.1	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	December	November	December	Change from	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,871.3	16,873.9	17,111.0	-2.6	-239.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	217.0	215.3	217.5	1.7	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	71.1	71.0	69.2	0.1	1.9
Nova Scotia	452.0	454.8	453.5	-2.8	-1.5
New Brunswick	364.2	367.8	366.6	-3.6	-2.4
Quebec	3,857.5	3,849.5	3,884.3	8.0	-26.8
Ontario	6,523.6	6,540.2	6,665.2	-16.6	-141.6
Manitoba	604.0	608.6	609.1	-4.6	-5.1
Saskatchewan	521.8	519.5	520.3	2.3	1.5
Alberta	1,993.9	1,980.0	2,022.5	13.9	-28.6
British Columbia	2,266.4	2,267.1	2,302.7	-0.7	-36.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.5	8.5	6.6	0.0	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.7	15.9	13.7	-0.2	2.0
Prince Edward Island	10.7	11.7	11.7	-1.0	-1.0
Nova Scotia	9.6	9.5	8.2	0.1	1.4
New Brunswick	8.9	8.8	8.6	0.1	0.3
Quebec	8.4	8.1	7.3	0.3	1.1
Ontario	9.3	9.3	7.2	0.0	2.1
Manitoba	5.7	5.3	4.3	0.4	1.4
Saskatchewan	4.8	5.2	4.2	-0.4	0.6
Alberta	6.7	7.4	4.2	-0.7	2.5
British Columbia	8.4	8.3	5.3	0.1	3.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Sep-Nov</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.2	8.3	6.1	-0.1	2.1
Halifax	5.9	6.4	4.5	-0.5	1.4
Saint John	6.0	5.4	5.5	0.6	0.5
Quebec	4.7	4.9	3.7	-0.2	1.0
Montreal	8.6	8.5	7.4	0.1	1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.5	5.3	4.0	0.2	1.5
Greater Sudbury	9.7	9.4	5.6	0.3	4.1
Toronto	8.7	8.9	6.7	-0.2	2.0
Winnipeg	5.3	5.3	4.3	0.0	1.0
Regina	4.5	4.8	3.0	-0.3	1.5
Saskatoon	4.1	4.0	3.6	0.1	0.5
Calgary	7.1	7.0	3.8	0.1	3.3
Edmonton	7.3	7.6	3.5	-0.3	3.8
Vancouver	7.4	7.2	4.4	0.2	3.0
Victoria	7.3	7.1	3.6	0.2	3.7
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.3	155.1	157.4	0.2	-2.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.6	52.9	53.4	-0.3	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.1	173.7	169.5	-0.6	3.6
Yorkton-Melville	40.4	41.1	40.5	-0.7	-0.1
Prince Albert & Northern	98.9	98.4	98.7	0.5	0.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Oct-Dec <u>2009</u>	Sep-Nov <u>2009</u>	Oct-Dec <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	541.8	542.6	537.0	-0.8	4.8
Employed ('000)	517.0	518.4	517.7	-1.4	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	24.8	24.2	19.2	0.6	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	3.6	0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.3	69.5	-0.2	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.0	66.2	67.0	-0.2	-1.0
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	505.1	505.1	495.9	0.0	9.2
Employed ('000)	485.6	486.3	480.7	-0.7	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	19.5	18.8	15.1	0.7	4.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.7	3.1	0.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.2	69.7	-0.1	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.5	67.6	-0.1	-0.2
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	36.7	37.5	41.1	-0.8	-4.4
Employed ('000)	31.4	32.1	37.0	-0.7	-5.6
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	5.4	4.1	-0.1	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	14.4	9.9	0.1	4.6
Participation Rate (%)	58.1	59.4	66.5	-1.3	-8.4
Employment Rate (%)	49.7	50.9	59.9	-1.2	-10.2
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	13.6	14.1	17.5	-0.5	-3.9
Employed ('000)	11.3	11.5	14.9	-0.2	-3.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	2.6	2.5	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.1	18.3	14.6	-1.2	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	47.5	49.5	62.7	-2.0	-15.2
Employment Rate (%)	39.4	40.5	53.6	-1.1	-14.2
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.2	23.4	23.5	-0.2	-0.3
Employed ('000)	20.2	20.6	22.0	-0.4	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.0	2.8	1.5	0.2	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.0	12.1	6.5	0.9	6.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.8	70.0	-0.9	-3.1
Employment Rate (%)	58.2	59.6	65.4	-1.4	-7.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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